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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 100584.52708US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation application of international application No. PCT/DE02/01245 filed April 5, 2002 of:

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entitled: **PROTECTIVE CASE FOR A DISC-SHAPED DATA CARRIER**

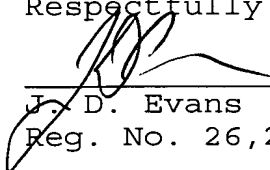
Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet.
2. Specification, including 8 claims (10 pages).
3. 6 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-9.
4. Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449, references (9) and copy of International Search Report.
5. Small Entity Status is hereby claimed.
6. Certified Copy of Priority Document 101 17 159.5, filed in Fed. Rep. of Germany on April 5, 2001. the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of international application No. PCT/DE02/01245 filed April 5, 2002.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$145/290 =	\$
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